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SUBJECT: DAILY BRIEFING - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1977

NO. 12

1. JAPANESE DELEGATION ON TRADE. ACTING SPOKESMAN BROWN MADE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT: "JAPANESE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS NOBUHIKO USHIBA WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, FOR ANOTHER ROUND IN THE CONTINUING SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH THE UNITED STATES. TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS REPRESENTATIVES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM DECEMBER 12TH THROUGH 15TH. MINISTER USHIBA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO WASHINGTON BY MR. NOBUTOSHI AKAO, THE MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, AND MR. HIROSHI FUKUDA AND MR. YUKIO OKAMOTO OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, MINISTER USHIBA WILL MEET, AMONG OTHERS WITH SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE STRAUSS, TREASURY SEC-
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RETARY BLUMENTHAL, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BERGLAND, LABOR SECRETARY MARSHALL, COMMERCE SECRETARY KREPS, AND CONGRESSIONAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS." BROWN SAID IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO COMMENT ON REPORTED JAPANESE PROPOSALS.

2. TURKISH DCA. ON ALLEGED LINKAGE BETWEEN CYPRUS ISSUE AND SUBMISSION OF TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION TO CONGRESS,

BROWN SAID: "AS YOU KNOW, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CONSISTENTLY ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE THE U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS A VALID MEANS OF REBUILDING OUR BILATERAL DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE STATED AND STILL STATE THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS AND AFTER WE HAVE ASSESSED ALL THE RELEVANT FACTORS, WE SHALL ASK THE CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION ON THE AGREEMENT. AMONG THESE FACTORS ARE THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST, NATO CONSIDERATIONS, AND OTHER PERTINENT MATTERS, SUCH AS, OF COURSE, THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN."

3. TONGSUN PARK. BROWN SAID DISCUSSIONS STILL CONTINUING BETWEEN U.S. AND KOREA. TALKS PRODUCTIVE BUT NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED. DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON TIMING OF ANY AGREEMENT.

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